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1. (U) On March 27, poloff delivered the points in reftel to Assistant Minister of Justice Iskandar Ghattas. Poloff also flagged for Ghattas the proposed visit to Cairo April 11-15 of DOJ Computer Crimes expert Christopher Painter, for consultations with the GOE on cybercrime issues and to attend an Interpol conference on the same subject.

2. (SBU) Ghattas did not respond directly to the points in reftel, but implied that the GOE remains concerned about the USG's opposition to a new global convention on cybercrime. "We believe cybercrime is an extremely dangerous issue, especially for developing countries," Ghattas remarked. Ghattas welcomed the potential visit of DOJ's Christopher Painter and undertook to help arrange meetings between Painter and appropriate Egyptian interlocutors on the issue of cybercrime.

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